

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 6 October 2003)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Reform of the Medical Council of Hong Kong	4 February 2002	The Administration agreed to give a response on whether it would set up a Complaints Office in the Department of Health (DH) to receive medical complaints, conduct preliminary investigation, make referrals and conduct mediation; and to examine at an appropriate time on gradually moving such Office towards independence.	Letters were issued on 26 April, 30 May, 26 June, 19 September, 29 October, 27 November, 23 December 2002, 30 January, 28 February, 3 and 30 April 2003 to remind the Administration to provide a response. To this end, the Administration has repeatedly responded that it is working on the operational framework of the Complaints Office and will report to members in due course.
2. Rehabilitation of discharged mental patients	11 March 2002	The Administration agreed to provide a paper on rehabilitation services for discharged mental patients.	Letters were issued on 30 May, 26 June, 19 September, 29 October, 27 November, 23 December 2002, 30 January, 28 February, 3 and 30 April 2003 to remind the Administration to provide a response. The Administration would provide a paper in due course.

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3. Manpower situation of ancillary health care personnel	8 April 2002	The Administration agreed to provide members with the student number targets and other related information for the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded ancillary health care personnel related programmes for the next triennium once they became available.	In view of the recommendations arising from the Higher Education Review that entail considerable changes to existing systems and require careful design, the Administration has decided that the current triennium should roll over for one year to cover the 2004-05 academic year, postponing the new triennium to 2005-06 to 2007-08. The student number target in the UGC-funded sector in the roll over year (i.e. 2004-05 academic year) is scheduled to be available by late 2003.
4. Working Group on Public/Private Interface - Progress Report	9 December 2002	The Administration undertook to provide statistics on the use of HA private services in the past year, including the number of patients who had used the private services and the types of services they used.	<p>Letters were issued on 23 December 2002, 30 January, 28 February, 3 and 30 April 2003 to remind the Administration to provide a response.</p> <p>The Administration has advised that liaison with Hospital Authority (HA) is in progress on the requested information.</p>

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5. Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre, Phase 2	9 June 2003	The Administration undertook to provide information on established planning standards for public hospitals, and on the planning standards for public hospitals adopted in some developed economies.	The Administration is liaising with Hospital Authority on the requested information.
6. Tendering system for pharmaceutical products	9 July 2003	In a letter to the Panel dated 11 April 2003, the Administration undertook to amend Clause 4.1.2 of the tender document for drug procurement with a view to improving the clarity of the tender conditions concerning Marketing Authorisation.	Clause 4.1.2 of the tender document for drug procurement has been amended. The Administration would report to the Panel by means of a letter in the near future.